

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In re patent application of: **Chan et al.**

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Group Art Unit: **3738**

For: **Prosthetic Joints having Reduced Area Bearing Surfaces and Application Thereof to a Range of Sizes of Prosthetic Joints**

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Addit Fee
Total Claims	13	20	0 X 18	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	3	0 X 86	\$ 0.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$ 0.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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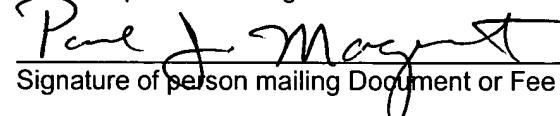
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